



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Carol A. Laham
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APR 23 2015

RE: MUR 6919 (formerly AR 14-03)
Rod Lewis

Dear Ms. Laham:

On April 21, 2015, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on your client's behalf in settlement of a violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)). Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter as it pertains to Rod Lewis.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A)) still apply, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty is due within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the conciliation agreement. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Reynolds", is written over a horizontal line.

Peter Reynolds
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Rod Lewis

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MUR 6919

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). Based on the available information, the Commission found reason to believe that Rod Lewis (the "Respondent") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)) by making an excessive contribution.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondent, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(A)(i) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i)).

II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. Canscco for Congress (the "Committee") is the principal campaign committee for Francisco Canseco, a candidate for Congress from the 23rd District of Texas in the 2010 election. Rod Lewis is a personal friend of Francisco Canseco.

2. Under the Act, no person shall make a contribution that is in excess of the Act's amount limitations. See 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)).

3. Under the Act, the term "contribution" includes "any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office." 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 431(8)(A)).

4. On April 27, 2010, Rod Lewis made a \$150,000 loan to Francisco Canseco, resulting in an excessive contribution in the amount of \$147,600 to the Committee. On May 1, 2013, the Committee refunded \$147,600 to Mr. Lewis.

5. Mr. Lewis contends that he has a history of making loans to individuals and that he believed that this was a loan to Mr. Canseco personally. Mr. Lewis further contends that he was unaware at the time he made the loan to Mr. Canseco that such a transaction could be considered an excessive contribution to the Committee.

V. Respondent violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)) by making an excessive contribution.

VI. 1. Respondent will pay a civil penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to the Federal Election Commission pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A)).

2. Respondent will cease and desist from committing violations of 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)) in the future.

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1)) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this

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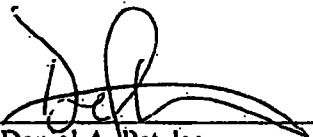
agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondent shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

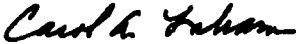
X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and resolves all allegations pertaining to Respondent that may arise from the Commission's audit or investigation of the Committee for the 2010 election cycle. No other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

BY: 
Daniel A. Petalas
Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

4/23/15
Date.

FOR THE RESPONDENT:


Carol A. Laham, Esq.
Representing Rod Lewis

4/8/15
Date